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Pursuant to applicant's duty of disclosure under 37 CFR Section 1.56, enclosed is a completed form PTO-1449 as well as copies of the cited documents which relate to the above-referenced patent application. Since this document submittal is being presented prior to the first examination on the merits, no fee is due herewith.

US Patent No. 5,715,348 to Falkenberg et al. discloses a fiber management system and method for routing optical fiber having a minimum bend radius.

US Patent No. 5,828,807 to Tucker et al. discloses an optical network unit (onu) mechanical enclosure.

US Patent No. 5,850,400 to Eames et al. discloses a system, method, and apparatus for bidirectional transport of digital data between a digital network and a plurality of devices.

US Patent No. 5,935,209 to Budhraja et al. discloses a system and method for managing fiber-to-the-curb network elements.

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US Patent No. 5,982,972 to Tucker et al. discloses a line card for optical network unit mechanical enclosure.

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transport error handling in cell based communications systems.

grant mechanism.

US Patent No. 5,991,912 to Mao discloses a port error handling in cell based communications systems.

US Patent No. 6,064,652 to Buckland et al. discloses a cell modern mechanism.

1078 593 to Eames et al. discloses a method minimizer universal voice grade and apparatus for reliable operation of universal voice grade cards.

US Patent No. 6,081,519 to Petler discloses in-home communications system.

US Patent No. 6,084,852 to Ebringer discloses a burst mode preamble.

US Patent No. 6,094,464 to Ebringer et al. discloses a burst mode receiver.

US Patent No. 6,097,721 to Goody discloses a method and apparatus for identifying signals for a set of communication devices in a signal stream having signals for a number of different sets of communications devices.

The listed documents are brought to the Examiner's attention because they are known to the applicant and/or the applicant's attorney and may be considered by the Examiner to be material to his/her examination. This listing should not be construed as representation that a search has been made or that no better art exists. No inference should be made that the documents are in fact material merely because they are referenced herein. Moreover, no representation is made that the brief descriptions of the references herein necessarily describe the most material aspects of the references. Further, by this listing, the applicant is not making any admission regarding the relative dates of the invention and listed disclosures.

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